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SUBJECT: AMNESTY LEGISLATION

REFS: A) ANKARA 1280; B) ANKARA 1309; C) ANKARA 1299

1. ON

BASIS OF GROWING INDICATIONS HERE THAT AMNESTY LEGISLATION AS NOW DRAFTED WILL EXCLUDE MOST NARCOTICS OFFENDERS, I CALLED ON MFA DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SOYSAL MORNING FEB 27 TO EXPRESS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THIS TURN OF EVENTS. SOYSAL INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NARCOTICS OFFENDERS MIGHT IN FACT BE EXCLUDED ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT BELIEVE MATTER WAS FINALLY OR FORMALLY RESOLVED AS YET.

2. I SAID THAT BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE THIS PROBLEM, I FELT I HAD TO GO BACK AT ONCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT I DO SO. (BRITISH AMBASSADOR IS ALSO CALLING ON FONMIN ON SAME SUBJECT).

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3. SOYSAL TOLD ME THAT FOLLOWING MY DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER, LATTER SAID TO SOYSAL THAT IF FOREIGN NARCOTICS OFFENDERS NOT INCLUDED IN AMNESTY LEGISLATION, WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO HAVE THESE OFFENDERS SERVE THEIR SENTENCES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY'S PRISONS. SOYSAL SAID HE HAD POINTED OUT TO PRIMIN THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE UNLESS COUNTRIES INVOLVED HAD APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS, WHICH NOT THE CASE WITH RESPECT TO U.S., GERMANY, FRANCE OR UK, THE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE LIKELY TO BE MOST CONCERNED BY EXCLUSIONS IN AMNESTY LEGISLATION. HE SAID FURTHER THAT THE PROBLEM WAS THAT SOME 80 FOREIGN NARCOTICS OFFENDERS COULD NOT BE BROUGHT UNDER AMNESTY WITHOUT AT SAME TIME BRINGING SIMILAR AMNESTY BENEFITS TO SOME 1,800 TURKS, AND GOVT WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO DO THE LATTER.

4. INDICATIONS ARE THAT ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE ALL FOREIGNERS FROM AMNESTY BENEFITS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR OFFENSE, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DROPPED.
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